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## Englands Comfort, and Londons Ioy:

Expressed in the Royall, Triumphant, and Magnificent Entertain-  
ment of our Dread Sovereigne Lord, King *Charles*, at his blessed and  
safe returne from *Scotland* on Thursday the 25. of *Novemb.* 1641.

By the Right Honourable Sir *Richard Gurney* Knight, Lord Major, and the  
Recorder, Sir *Thomas Gardner*, who were at that present both Knighted, who  
attended his Majesty with the other Right Worshipfull Knights and Alder-  
men, Sheriffes, and Companies of this famous City of *London*:

Together with the manner and forme how the State was to be observed and per-  
formed, by the severall Companies on Horse-backe and foot; for the Conducting  
of his Majesty the *Queene*, the *Prince*, and all the Royall Progeny, to the  
*Guild Hall*, *London*, to dinner, and from thence to his Majesties  
Palace at *White Hall*: Also the severall Speeches, and other  
Verses presented to his sacred Person at that time.



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## Englands comfort, and Londons joy.

**IN** Or to delude my Reader with a long Preface to a short and briefe Relation, I will first begin (as neare as true intelligence and eye-sight informed me of this great dayes most magnificent and honourable Triumph and entertainment of our most Gracious Sovereigne, at his returne from *Scotland* to this Honourable City of *London*. How some other Kings and Princes, of our own and other nations have been formerly entertained by the Lord Major and Citizens of *London*, it is (as I have read in our *English* Histories) set downe by me in short; towards the end of this Discourse.

On Thursday the 25. of this instant *November*, 1641. Mr. Alderman *Garret*, and his brother in office Mr. Alderman *Clarke* being both Sheriffes of *London*, with 72. of their men in Scarlet Liveries, road four miles towards *Theobalds* to meet his Majesty, with the City Trumpets 14. in number, and they conducted his Majesty in state untill such time as they came where the Lord Major, did attend, and was attended to welcome his Majesty as followeth. About eight of the clock in the morning, the Aldermen, with Mr. Recorder of *London*, all in Scarlet Gowns, with the City Councell, came all on horse-back to the Lord Majors house in the old Jury, and there they attended his Lordship some little time, till being all ready they road in brave Equipage to Moore-fields (the Lord Major being in a most sumptuous Gowne of Crimson velvet) where 500. of the Companies all in coats of Velvet, every man of them having a Chaine of gold; Also every Horseman had a foot-man to attend him clad in a footmans jacket and breeches according all trim'd and set out with the colours that belonged to those Companies

panies which they were free of. Also every Company had a horse-man which roade severally in the front of each of them, which horse-man did likewise beare the Armes of such a one Company as hee attended. he being in all parts suited *Cap a pe* accordingly.



All these attended his Lordships coming and then they all roade in order to the further grounds joyning upon *Kingsland*, where they met his Majesty, with the Queen, the Prince *Charles*, the Duke of *Yorke*, with the Princesses, Prince Palatine, Dukes, Marqueses, Earles, Viscounts, Barons, Lords, Knights, Gentlemen-Pensioners. Ladyes of Honour, together with 20. Scottish Lords and others; with his Majesties Guard, and others of his followers, with the spectators of all degrees, sexes, Ages, and sises, were innumerable: The bankes, hedges, high-ways, streets, stalls, and windowes were all embroydered with millions of people, of all sorts and fashions.

*And all the way the boyes did climbe up trees,  
And clung close to the boughes like swarmes of Bee.*

When his Majesty came neare to a house of Sir *George Whitmores* called *Balmes*, where there was a Tent erected, in which the King lighted and refreshed himselfe, and a learned Speech made by Sir *Thomas Gardner* the Recorder, which done, his Sacred Majesty without delay of time Knighted the Lord Major and the Recorder; the said Horse-men humbly saluted his Majesty, and in a most commendable and worthy manner brought his Majesty into the City at *Moore-gate*, where all along by *London Wall* as far as from thence to *Bishops-gate* some of the Companies stood in their Livery, within places



conveniently railed with Timber, their standings being adorned with Flags, Banners, Pendants, and Escorcheions, and other hachments, with blew cloth on the railes, untill such time as they came as far as *St. Lawrence Lane* end in *Cheape-side*, downe which Lane his Majesty turned to the *Guild-Hall*, where he dined in a most Royall manner, where no cost was spared, and where his Majesties gracious Presence and acceptance was acknowledged by the Lord Major, and the whole City to the best cheare.

The rest of the Companies of *London* were all placed in their standings from the west end of *St. Lawrence Lane* through *Cheape-side*, and

and up Fleet-street to Temple Barre, adorned and set forth with such accoutrements as was done by the other Companies before.

After his Majesty was passed to the Guild-Hall, the 500. men and horse with their foot men, they passed up Cheap-side, and there in *Pauls* Church-yard they did set themselves in their former order; and attended till his Majesty had dined.

Note that the Kings Majesty with the Queen, the Prince, and the rest of the Royall off-spring that were there, did dine at the east-end of the *Guild-Hall* in a place called the *Hustings* Court: The rest of the Lords, Ladies, and others also dined in the Hall.

After dinner, the Lord Major, with his brethren the Aldermen and the 500. Horse conducted his Majesty from the Guild-Hall, with 14. Trumpets with Banners in Scarlet Cloaks, Sac-Buts, Cornets, and all



instruments of musick usuall, with bells ringing at 121 parish Churches, where there was no failings in expressions of love and loyalty by the people, as appeared by their shouts and acclamations: As also all the Conduits in the City as his Majesty passed by ran with Claret wine & Sack with drinking of innumerable healths to his Majesty (which healths I hope will not prove sickness to any.) In this magnificent manner (the



Lord Major, with the rest before mentioned, every one of the 500. foot-men that attended the 500. horse-men having a gilded Truncheon in the one hand, and two Torches in the other; they brought his Majesty to his Palace of white Hall, where the Lord Major and the rest most humbly tooke their leaves of his Majesty, who gave them all hearty thanks for their so large demonstrations of their loves and loyalties. This being done, the said 500. horse-men, with foot men and torches returned back attending the Lord Major to his house, of whom his Lordship most kindly took his leave, and every man retired to his home.

*Entertainments given to Kings in former times by the foresaid City.*

**S**ir Henry Picard, Knight Lord Major of the City of London, did in the year of our Lord, 1357. at one time entertaine and feast 4. Kings, (*viz.*) Edward the third King of England, John King of France, David King of Scotland, and William King of Cyprus; Also Edward the black Prince of Wales, the Prince Dauphin of France with all the Nobility and Gentry of Lords, Knights, Ladies and others, were worthily entertained by the said Lord Major, to their great contentments, and memorable Honour of this famous Citie.

But to come to nearer times, I finde in Master Stowes Chronicle that Queene Elizabeth in Anno 1585. the 27. of her Raigne that she having been on progresse, and comming to her pallace of Saint James, was entertained by the Lord Major, his Brethren the Aldermen and Citizens, 200. of the Commoners being in Velvet Coates, with Gold chaines, on horseback, 1000. of the Compaines on foot, and 100. more that bare Torches, Sir Wolstan Dixey Knight Skinner, being then Lord Major.

King James (of blessed memory, at his returne from Scotland, in the fiftenth year of his Raigne, Anno 1517. was met at Hyde Park by the Lord Major (Sir George Bole Knight Lord Major) and the Aldermen, and more then 400. Commoners of the City, with chaines of gold, and Velvet coates, and a present (a purse with five hundred pound presented to his Majesty. The like entertainment his Majesty (King James had at his comming to the Cathedral Church of St. Pauls in London, in the 18. year of his Raigne 1620. when Sir William Cockain was Lord Major where also all the Companies stood within place: in the way with Banners and Escouchions, and the streets railed, with Rich presents given.

In the 5. year of the Raigne of our now gracious King Charles, 1629. Sir James Cambell Knight (then Lord Major) feasted eleven Lords, all Knights of the Garter, and each of them fifty men with Chaines of Gold, and Liveries besides many other of the Nobility Gentry and Commoners then there nobly entertained. Verses


Verses Presented to his Majesty.

**W**hen Israel with Iudah did contest,  
Which of them ought to love King David best;  
Iudah claim'd Kindred of the King, and said  
That he (by Right) should still with them have staid: 2 Sam. 19.  
41. 42.  
But Israel boldly to them straite reply'd,  
That Davld (onely) was with them t' abide;  
And that in him they had ten parts, (at least)  
And therefore had most Right and Interest.  
These words caus'd wicked Sheba; (Bichri's Son)  
Most ready to rebellious Armes to run;  
But Sheba's head, which first contriv'd those jarrs)  
Was lop'd, and so was ended all the warrs. Chap. 20.  
I wish Great Britaine the like Song to sing  
In love, who best shall love and serve the King:  
Let Sheba's head be lost, and let us be,  
England, and Scotland, both in Unity.  
Hee's Ours and Theirs, and he is Theirs and Ours,  
Let's love and serve him, with our Prayers, and Powers;  
That as the King is one, so we as one  
May praise God, for establishing his Throne.  
When He, (our S V N N E of joy) from us set forth  
His Raies illustrious, lightned all the North:  
Whilst sighes like Clouds, and Showers of Teares & Cares,  
Was Londons, and faire Englands Southerne shares.  
But this returne our sadnesse doth destroy,  
Our Teares of griefe are turn'd to Teares of joy;  
Our Night of woe, we patiently endur'd,  
Our Mornings joy is come we are assur'd.  
Hee's come to solve this Kingdomes discontent,  
To cure all wrenches, fractures, spraines and rents,  
Where Church, and Common Wealth is dislocated;  
And all good men amazed and amared.  
Gods Great Lieutenant, foure great Kingdomes King,  
No doubt but he those mischifes downe shall ding  
To Hells blacke Vault, from whence they first assended,  
And with a blis'd peace, all strife be ended.

Now followes the speech spoken to his Majesty.

*Dr. H.*

*Dread Sovereigne.*

 Hise Royall presence doth now againe revive our once dejected hearts, being overwhelmed with sorrow for your Majesties so long absence: Behold, behold most royall Sovereigne, how your loyall subjects, and wel affected people triumph, making such acclamations of joy, as not only happy of your Majesties returne, but late returning; their hearts, hands, and countenances speak that which their tongues are not able to expresse. True subjects are joyfull whilst ill-affected Traytors, bull-rush like, bow down their heads, as being fearfull to behold so sacred a Majesty, as your royall selfe, whose pious & religious actions are no lesse then quotidian Lectors to be read to all Christian Princes abroad, and a pattern to all your Subjects at home. *Pompey* is forced to fly, when mighty *Caesar* once doth come in place, so let all your enemies fly and bee consumed before your sacred person. Welcome, welcome dread Sovereigne, upon which words should my tongue for ever harpe; yet would my heart still confesse that expression were wanting unto my loyall desire: Blessed, and for ever let them be happy, those loyall, and our well affected brethren, the *Scots* I meane, which gave so good entertainment to so royall a Prince, whose Raigne, your well-affected Subjects here present, do pray to the Heavenly *Iehovah*, who hitherto hath been your Majesties Protector and defender, may be as long as happy, which Conjunction will prove a happy Union. So the great God of heaven blesse your sacred Majesty, your royall Consort, and our most hopefull Prince, and the rest of the Royall Progeny with health, peace, and happinesse in this World, and eternall joyes in the next.

**I**N *Ovids Metamorphosis I finde*  
*Transform'd formes, and strange mishapen Shapes;*  
*Of humane transmutations from ib. i. Kiod*  
*To Wolves, to Beares, to Dogs, to Pyes, to Apes;*  
*Yet these were but poeticall escapes,*  
*(Or Moralizing of unnat'ral deities)*  
*To shew that Treasons, Murders, Incests, Rapes,*  
*From Beastiall mindes, (in humane formes) proceeds*  
*But through thy power (which my poore Muse inflames)*  
*A greater wonder is perform'd by me:*  
*I have transform'd a Boat from off the Thames,*  
*Unto a horse, to come to welcome thee.*  
*And now thy Gracious sight I do attain,*  
*He turne that Horse into a boat againe:*  
*And all whom thy returne duh not delight,*  
*Let them be hang'd, and then they have their right.*

Verses presented  
to the Kings  
owne hand by  
John Tayl. r.

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